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Column One
By David Courtney

MR. Menderes has put together his fourth Government since 1950. His last Cabinet's resignation was brought about by a revolt, which some observers think was overdue, within his own Party, and followed the resignation of the Minister of Commerce, the Minister of Finance and the acting Foreign Minister, Mr. Vatin Zorlu, who had been sharply criticized for their part in bringing Turkey to the verge of a serious economic crisis.

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THE Prime Minister's position is still strong and has been improved, both internally and externally, by the Cabinet changes forced upon him. He has, of course, a big Parliamentary majority — 470 Democratic Party seats in the National Assembly out of a total of 541. Although dissension in the Party has been attributed to the activities of the former Minister of State in charge of Press affairs, Mr. Mukerrem Sarol, there is little doubt that general anxiety over the failure of the Government to straighten out the country's economic tangle was the main cause of dissatisfaction.

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THE economics of Turkey cannot be regarded as exclusively of internal concern. The United States Government has been providing the country with aid to the value of about $70m. annually, and its experts have calculated that only about 50 cents of every dollar was satisfactorily invested. The fault lay not in corruption but in inefficiency and bad planning, or no planning at all; and the consequences were such that the Government, through Vatin Zorlu and apparently on his initiative, was driven to ask the U.S. for a huge dollar loan. Washington was unwilling to consider the loan and was getting restive about the way the annual $70m. were being spent; but Zorlu and his friends seem to have counted on their capacity to bully the Americans into making up the nation's big economic losses and did nothing else to put matters right.

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WHETHER or not the Americans had anything to do with bringing about the Cabinet crisis and ridding Menderes of his prodigal advisers, hardly matters. Obviously it is a good thing that the old Ministers have gone and particularly that the Premier, without Zorlu to nudge him, will be more free to exercise personal control over the conduct of the national finance. The need of additional dollar help is probably still urgent although not to the extent demanded by Mr. Zorlu, and if the new Ministers entrusted with the country's economic departments can be persuaded to tighten their belts, organize their expenditure, and follow the good advice given by experts of the country that sooner or later must foot the bill, doubtless they will get the additional aid.

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TURKEY's importance as a NATO member in a forward and exposed position, and as a kind of western mediator in Asia (as at Bandung) and in the Middle East (as at Baghdad), tells heavily in its favour, of course. But it is probably a mistake for Turkish Governments to think this circumstance automatically compels the U.S. Government to pay Turkey's extravagant way or even to put up with events like the recent anti-Greek riots or to appreciate in a partner its undemocratic measures against a critical Press.

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THERE are signs indicating that Mr. Menderes has begun to realise this and that his Party will support him if he keeps it well in mind. In any event, there appears to be no one else capable of taking over the Premiership just now. Presumably he will have to be encouraged and supported by the West if only because there is no one else worth encouraging and supporting. Now that Soviet Russia has got in behind Turkey and fixed up a useful little *pied-a-terre* in Cairo, from which to pay court and offer gifts to other Middle East countries, London and Washington cannot afford to let Turkish affairs get out of hand. They deserve some help, however, from the Turks themselves.

Jerusalem, December 12.

Cabinet Studies Draft Of 4-Year Programme

The initial draft for a four-year Development Budget totalling between IL1,500m. and IL2,000m. was presented to the Cabinet yesterday by Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, at a meeting that lasted through two sessions, the Government spokesman said yesterday.

The plan does not provide for a change in financial policy, but aims at coordinating future development projects in a single programme. The draft's major emphasis is on industry, settlement of the South and further distribution of the population.

A special session will continue discussion of the draft either this week or next. It will then be returned to the Finance Ministry for final drafting.

The four-year plan will serve the Government as a directive for its activities during the Third Knesset, the spokesman said, when asked why a four-year period was decided on. It does not mean that the country will attain economic independence by the conclusion of the period, although he hoped that it will have made an important step forward.

Discussions yesterday did not deal with specific sources of income to cover the development projects, but part of the coming 1956/57 Development Budget will be included in the four-year plan. The draft provides for non-governmental investment, emphasising that the Government can only try to influence the direction of such development projects.

Specific Projects Outlined

The spokesman disclosed that the specific long-term projects outlined in the plan include further development of the Dead Sea Potash Works, Chemicals, Fertilisers and the copper mines, and the construction of petroleum-chemicals plants. Although no special defence projects were mentioned, the draft provides plans to establish more frontier villages, improved transportation networks, and the development of essential industries which are of considerable defence value.

The spokesman emphasized that the plans are only in their initial stage and had been worked out in the Ministry of Finance in coordination with various other Ministries, including Development, Agriculture, Transport and Labour. Mr. David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, participated in both Cabinet sessions.

The Cabinet also approved the proposal that Israel join international agreements providing for lower customs duties for tourists and arrangements enabling them to bring in their cars for the duration of their stay in the country.

These agreements, sponsored by the United Nations, fix a unified international system to simplify tourist programmes. The Government spokesman pointed out that most of these provisions already exist in Israel, and only small changes were involved.

The Government also approved a law to prevent the spreading of plant diseases which will replace a 1924 law which has since become obsolete. The new law deals in detail with the import and export of plants.

A law to facilitate the collection of evidence and the questioning of witnesses in Israel at the request of foreign courts was also approved. This law will, among other things, facilitate the conclusion of international contracts.

National Cultural Centre for Jerusalem

A $1.5m. plan for the construction of a Centre for the Promotion of Culture, which will house Israel's various existing and projected academies, was approved by the Cabinet yesterday, the Government spokesman said last night.

Funds for the project have been donated by a philanthropist who wishes to remain anonymous for the time being, and who has also promised to cover the Centre's expenses during its first 10 years.

The Centre will be built in Talbieh, Jerusalem, opposite the former British Military Courts on a 30-dunam area allocated by the Government, and will include the Scientific Council and all future arts, sciences and humanities academies.

Although no date has been set for the beginning of work on the building, the Government spokesman said that funds are already available. The building will include adequate libraries as well as administrative offices.

The initiative for the project came from the donor, the spokesman said, and the plan was presented to the Government in complete form.

Templer's Talks In Amman May Oust Mufti Regime

Jordan's political life is passing through a critical phase, and the present Anglo-Jordan negotiations may not only cause the downfall of the Said el Mufti Government but may have far-reaching effects on inter-Arab relations, diplomatic correspondents of the Jordan press generally predicted yesterday.

It was pointed out that Premier el Mufti on Saturday night was twice questioned about widespread reports that his Cabinet would resign, and that on both occasions he avoided a direct answer, merely commenting, "These rumours are still premature."

The Old City daily, "Falastin," said that Gen. Sir Gerald Templer, Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, had submitted a detailed memorandum to the Jordan authorities outlining Britain's general world policy, her attitude to Middle East questions, Israel-Arab relations, and Jordan's military, economic, and political position within the framework of these problems.

The paper pointed out that Jordan has not yet submitted any counter-proposals beyond insisting that the "Palestine question" be settled "on a just basis" first of all. It is still not clear in Amman political circles whether the Government would seek the advice of other Arab states before formulating a final reply to Gen. Templer.

Gen. Templer has postponed his scheduled departure for today as his talks have not yet ended, it was announced. Reuter reported that the Jordan Government had put forward counter-proposals to those suggested by the British army chief.

The Jordan press yesterday for the first time complained editorially about the current "unclear situation and damaging rumours." "El Jihad" demanded a clear-cut Government statement to set public doubts at ease and put an end to rumour-mongering "at this turning point of Jordan's history."

"A-Diffa" suggested a meeting of notables and politicians to study the situation and advise the Government, while "Falastin" warned the Government of the "enormous responsibility" it is shouldering in adopting a decision on the fate of the country. It urged Jordan to consult other Arab states, even if this meant delaying a reply to Britain.

Sadat in Jordan

AMMAN, Sunday (Reuter). — Lieutenant-Colonel Anwar Sadat, Egyptian Minister of State and Secretary-General of the projected Islamic Congress, arrived in Jordan today on a two-day official visit.

He is touring the Arab nations, making plans for the Islamic Congress, the date of which has not yet been fixed.

38 Sudan Army Mutineers Shot

The first 38 of the southern Sudanese army mutineers who revolted against the northern authorities recently were executed on Saturday and yesterday, according to the Arab News Agency from Khartoum.

The ringleader, an officer named Albino, was the first to be executed, being shot on Saturday night. It was announced that none of the bodies would be handed to the next of kin.

Previous to this, there had been several announcements of the execution of civilians involved in the revolt.

Army Lands on N.-E. Kinneret Shore To Silence Syrian Gun Positions

Two French Deserters Held

Two French soldiers who deserted from the ship carrying them from Indo-China to France while it was passing through the Suez Canal, were arrested on Thursday near the Israel-Egypt armistice lines in the vicinity of Kibbutz Yad Mordechai, the Army spokesman announced yesterday.

They said that they had deserted about three months ago and had been arrested by the Egyptian authorities who demanded that they infiltrate into Israel and engage in espionage disguised as immigrants.

When they agreed, the Egyptians transported them into Israel territory. As soon as they had crossed the lines, the two men gave themselves up, and have signed declarations to the effect that they were sent into Israel by the Egyptians to act as spies.

The declarations, written in French by the soldiers, are short documents. The handwriting of the longer declaration is that of a well-educated Frenchman. The handwriting of the other shows traces of German influence and contains one or two errors in French.

The longer document reads: "I, the undersigned, Caunart Philippe, No. 1721, sergeant of the 32nd Company of Road Sappers of the French Expeditionary Corps in the Far East, herewith declare that I have been sent on a spying mission to Israel by an Egyptian officer of the rank of lieutenant-colonel in Gaza, who told me he was called Hafez. He asked me to steal across the frontier and to give myself up to the Israel police, and that I should tell them a story that I had come underground from Marseilles to Cyprus, and then to Israel. I had, according to the instructions of the Egyptian officer, to get myself accepted into the Israel Army, in such a way as to enable me to steal Israel military documents. In exchange, he offered me large sums of money, which he would remit to me in the manner that best suited me. On the night of December 7 to 8, two Egyptian soldiers helped us cross the frontier up to the mouth of a small river which flows to the south of a *kibbutz*, where we gave ourselves up the following day."

The second man was Norbert Schneider, No. 14959, also a sergeant in the same company. He declared that he had been sent by an Egyptian Army officer who gave his name as Hafez "to spy in Israel territory." It was his duty to join the Israel Army and produce "documents of general headquarters as well as books on military training and armament." In exchange, he was promised a large amount of money.

BEN-GURION RECEIVES GENERAL BURNS

The Prime Minister yesterday received General E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization. During the interview, which lasted for 40 minutes, and was a continuation of last Monday's meeting, Gen. Burns gave an account of his recent discussions in Egypt.

MRS. MYERSON LEAVES FOR UNITED STATES

The Minister of Labour and Acting Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Myerson, left yesterday for U.S. tour on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

The Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, will act as Foreign Minister until the return of Mr. Moshe Sharett at the end of the week.

Mr. P. Naphtali, Minister Without Portfolio, will act as Minister of Labour in Mrs. Myerson's absence.

Battle Still on at Midnight

Israel Army units last night raided Syrian gun positions on the northeastern shore of Lake Kinneret between Ein Gev and the mouth of the Jordan following repeated attacks by these guns on Israel fishermen and police patrol vessels on the Lake. The clatter of fire of automatic weapons and the thud of exploding grenades was clearly audible in Tiberias during the night and was still going on at midnight.

The latest Syrian attack took place on Saturday when artillery and machinegun fire from the northern shore was directed at a police launch guarding fishing boats. The launch was damaged when a shell from a Syrian gun pierced a hole in the hull of the vessel, but there were no casualties.

The Israel Delegation to the Israel-Syria Mixed Armistice Commission lodged a complaint the same day with the Commission and requested an investigation.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman last night issued the following statement:

"An unprovoked attack was made on Saturday by Syrian Army forces against Israel, when fishing boats and their police escort on Lake Kinneret in Israel were heavily shelled from Syrian batteries. Serious damage was caused to a police launch, and only by chance were casualties avoided.

"Tonight, Israel forces advanced against Syrian positions to silence the batteries responsible for this attack in order to avert further Syrian aggression and to ensure the security of Israel citizens engaged in their lawful occupations.

"Syria has been repeatedly called upon by the M.A.C. to put an end to interference with Israel activities inside Israel territory, and in particular with the fishing in Lake Kinneret.

"The M.A.C. decisions, however, have proven of no avail, and all efforts by United Nations representatives to bring about their implementation have failed.

"Syrian batteries east of Lake Kinneret have on repeated occasions attacked Israel fishing and police boats. Fishing seasons on the lake have been turned into periods of unabated Syrian aggression against Israel, during which considerable damage and casualties have been inflicted.

"Israel is determined that this shall not recur, and that no one shall fire at Israel citizens with impunity."

According to the Syrian Armistice, the demarcation line in the Lake Kinneret region coincides entirely with the international frontier and leaves the entire lake and a strip of land on its eastern shore within Israel territory. The Syrian authorities for years have not cooperated in the implementation of the Armistice as regards the crossing of the border by Syrian fishermen and their infiltration into the 10-metre strip along the coast, and they have in fact encouraged illegal fishing.

The Syrians, exploiting their military advantage along this strip, have frequently undertaken aggressive acts, causing repeated losses of Israel life and property. It is pointed out that any cross-

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Lake Kinneret patrol of Israel policemen shown with their light machinegun trained on the eastern shore where Syrian positions have sporadically fired on Israel boats.
Photo by Eisenstark

Israel Arms Bid Said To Total $50M.

WASHINGTON, Sunday. — The Defence Department here estimates that Israel's request to the U.S. for arms — made after Egypt decided to buy weapons from Czechoslovakia — would cost about $50m., according to Washington officials.

The arms list submitted by Israel was sent by the State Department to the Defence Department for an estimate of cost and availability. Officials said last night the State Department or the White House would now decide on whether the arms should be sold to Israel.

Though details have never been made public, it is understood Israel asked for such defensive weapons as jet fighters, anti-tank guns and anti-submarine equipment.

Discussing proposals for concessions by Israel of some of the territory gained during the Arab-Israel war, the "Washington Post" said today that there could be no question of "setting the clock back, for the conquered territory has become part of the economy as well as the policy" of Israel. But there are possibilities that a beginning might be made towards a *rapprochement*, or at least a *modus vivendi*, with the restoration of a balance of power in arms, and a security treaty for Israel.

The paper said that the Egyptian blockade of Israel must be lifted, and that only then could Israel be expected to make some territorial concessions regarding boundaries, give access to Israel ports, and provide for some sort of land corridor between Jordan and Egypt.

In San Francisco, Senator Estes Kefauver said last night that the U.S. should give Israel the opportunity to buy arms. At a Hanukka festival of the Jewish National Fund, he called for a clear statement of U.S. national interest in the Middle East.

(Reuter, INA)

2 Jordan Marauders Killed Near Eilat

Two infiltrators from Jordan were killed near Eilat early yesterday morning, the Army spokesman announced.

An Army patrol encountered a group of infiltrators which refused to halt when challenged. The patrol opened fire, and two of the group were killed, and one was wounded and arrested.

The Near East Arab Broadcasting Service reported from Amman last night that two Moroccan pilgrims were killed and another was captured by the Israel forces when they lost their way near the Akaba region and wandered across the border.

The report said that the pilgrims were going to Morocco on foot after having made the Mecca pilgrimage.

Saud, Nehru Call For Peaceful Solutions

NEW DELHI, Sunday (Reuter). — King Saud of Saudi Arabia, and Premier Jawaharlal Nehru today called for a "peaceful and non-militant" approach to issues which are dividing the world.

In a joint statement issued at the end of the Arabian ruler's 17-day state visit, King Saud and Mr. Nehru said they "recognize that the prime need of the hour is the promotion of world peace and the lessening of international tension." The two countries fully subscribed to the five principles of coexistence which are part of the treaty signed between China and India in Peking in April, 1954.

GOLDMANN HERE

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — "New legislation on individual restitution totalling $500m. will be discussed by the West German Bundestag next month," Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, reported here today on his arrival. He is remaining in Israel for five days.

(Itim)

SYRIAN ARMS DRIVE NETS £250,000

The first day of Syria's "arms fund week" has resulted in the collection of L.S2m. (£250,000), the Arab News Agency reported from Damascus yesterday. The sum includes L.S25,000 donated by President Shukri Kuwatly and members of the Cabinet.

Kuwatly declared on Saturday prior to the opening of the drive, that "armament was the only alternative left for the Arabs, particularly for Syrians."

British Act to Halt Cyprus Terror

NICOSIA, Sunday (Reuter). — British commandos today arrested two armed Cypriots in a sweep through the snow-covered hills of south-west Cyprus for illegal arms, explosives and wanted men.

While the operation — described as the largest yet in the region where three British soldiers have died in recent ambushes — continued during the day, terrorist bombs exploded in various parts of the island where Cypriots are demanding the right of self-determination.

One warrant officer and one soldier were slightly injured later tonight when terrorists ambushed a military truck 6 kms. south of Famagusta.

Terrorists flung a grenade at a British-owned bar in Famagusta tonight. It exploded outside the entrance, shattering the glass front, but five British soldiers and their girl-friends inside the bar were unhurt.

An army spokesman said that four terrorist bombs exploded early today at Athalassa military station.

An army target stall was gutted by an explosion believed to have been caused by a Molotov Cocktail, and soon afterwards three grenades exploded in the front garden of a British police officer's home. A fifth bomb exploded in the Government Agricultural Department shed.

An army spokesman reported that one man was wounded slightly in the shoulder when he tried to break through a commando cordon during the operational sweep, which began at dawn today. He was found carrying a .45 revolver and ammunition. The other was arrested in the same vicinity in the heavily wooded foothills of the Troodos mountain range. He was carrying a rifle and ammunition.

A military guard was placed on a Pan-Cypriot gymnasium in Nicosia after police today discovered a small arms cave in the school grounds. It included one hand-grenade, an incendiary bomb, quantities of explosives and fuses, and a number of ink-pots filled with explosives.

Anti-French Boycott Spreads in Morocco

RABAT, Sunday (Reuter). — The movement to boycott French goods and services was gaining momentum in some Moroccan towns as the Moroccan Government met to put the finishing touches to its first declaration of policy.

In Fez, the boycott which applied to public transport, tobacco, and European drinks of all kinds, has been extended to French medical services. Inscriptions on walls in the Arab quarter warned the populace "under pain of death" not to receive any treatment from French doctors. In the Marrakesh region, people are being instructed to boycott European goods and to refuse to pay taxes.

In Casablanca, two Moroccan women and one child were hurt when a bomb exploded in the Arab quarter. Terrorists shot dead a Moroccan. In Fez, a Moroccan auxiliary policeman was shot dead by terrorists. Near Mogador, a Franco-Moslem school was pillaged by Moroccans. Buses at Boujoloud were stoned by crowds.

New attacks by rebel bands in the north of Morocco were also reported during Friday night.

A French farm west of Birkane was attacked by a band of 30 rebels wearing khaki uniforms of the type worn by the Egyptian Air Force, police said.

More reinforcements have reached Morocco. The French liner, Pasteur, docked at Casablanca early today with several thousand troops on board.

Russia Releases Large Batch of German P.o.W.'s

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuter). — A large transport of German prisoners arrived tonight at Fuerstenwalde transit camp east of Berlin, and most of them left to rejoin relatives after the completion of formalities, the East German news agency, A.D.N., reported.

The prisoners are being sent home under an agreement made between Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Soviet leaders in Moscow last September, providing for the return of 9,626 Germans held as war criminals. Repatriation was interrupted on October 20, without any reason being given, after about half the number had been returned.

43 JAPANESE FREED

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuter). — Forty-three Japanese ex-soldiers and civilians detained in the Soviet Union for 10 years returned to Japan today aboard the Japanese repatriation ship, Taisei Maru.

'Slow Down,' Doctors Warn Ike

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower's doctor last night advised him to "slow down." Maj.-Gen. Howard Snyder, who had given the President his first major physical examination in a month, urged that he taper down his activities. He said that Mr. Eisenhower should withhold a decision on whether to seek re-election until at least mid-February.

Gen. Snyder reported that the President's recovery from his September 24 heart attack was continuing at a normal pace, considering its acuteness. Replying to questions, Gen. Snyder said he used the word "acute" to describe the suddenness of the attack, not its degree.

The White House Press Secretary, Mr. James Hagerty, said today that everything possible is being done to lighten the President's burden, and it is expected that in the future, this will be made even lighter. Mr. Eisenhower, who arrived here Wednesday, will return to Gettysburg after conferences here with Congressional leaders.

The Assistant White House Press Secretary said later that the medical report which said that the President showed signs of fatigue was aimed at easing the extreme pressure of the long daily conferences the President held at Gettysburg to prepare for the reopening of Congress and his annual State of the Union and Budget Messages.

However, Mr. Eisenhower's talks with the British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, on January 30 would be held as scheduled. They will take place in a relaxed informal atmosphere, he added.

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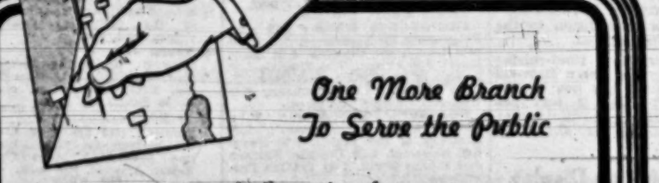

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Social & Personal

President Ben-Zvi yesterday received Senator David Croll, Chairman of the Canadian Senate Security Committee. On Saturday Senator Croll was the luncheon guest of the Chief Rabbi and Mrs. I. H. Herzog.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Saturday night received the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, prior to her departure for the U.S.

Senator Croll was the guest at a luncheon given by Mr. Berl Locker, M.K. Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, at Beit Shalom in Jerusalem on Friday. Among those present were Justices Goitein and Silberg and Mr. Z. Shazar and Mr. E. Gelber, of the Jewish Agency Executive.

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ARRIVALS: The Director of the National Insurance Institute, Mr. G. Lotan, from Mexico, where he represented Israel at the Conference of the World Federation of Social Insurance Institutions; Mr. Crosby S. Noyes, of the "Washington Star," for a visit, staying at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem; the singer, Lydia Romanova, and her accompanist, Marcel de Marthe, for a series of concerts; the Director of the Economic Department of the Jewish Agency, Mr. Y. Kuriland, from a trip to Europe on behalf of the Department.

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DEPARTURES: U.S. Congressman Edward P. Boland, a member of the Congressional Appropriations Committee and his two assistants, Mr. Garson Culp and Lt. Col. William Roberts, after a three-day visit during a tour of the Middle East; Mr. A. Darom, Israel's Diplomatic Representative in Greece, after a short visit; the conductor, Mr. Manuel Rosenthal, for Rome, after a series of concerts with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra; Professor L. Srol, physiologist at Columbia University, after a three-week visit.

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Dr. Kalman J. Mann, Director-General of the Hadassah Medical Organization, and Mrs. Mann have returned to Israel after attending the Hadassah Annual Convention in Chicago.

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A reception for Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Dr. B. Zondek, both of whom recently returned from missions in Brazil on behalf of the Association for Israel-Brazil Cultural Relations, was held at the end of last week at the home of Professor B. Mazar, President of the Hebrew University and President of the Association. Mr. Dobkin is also Vice-President of the Association.

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The participants in the Jewish Agency seminar for representatives of women's organizations were entertained by Mrs. Dora Silverstone at her home in Tel Aviv on Friday.

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Mr. Yosef Cohen, M.S.E., of Jerusalem, Engineering Adviser to the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research, has been appointed Honorary Corresponding Member of the Society of Engineers, London.

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Major-General E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, will address the Natanya Rotary Club at Hotel Greenstein at 7.45 p.m. tomorrow.

Diesel Trains Arrive In Haifa

HAIFA, Sunday. — The first two Diesel passenger trains arrived here yesterday from Germany.

Each train comprises three coaches with a total seating capacity of 248 and standing room for 120. An extra coach can be added to carry another 100. They will be put into operation almost immediately, but the journey between Haifa and Tel Aviv will still take one-and-a-half hours.

The two trains, which are to be unloaded on Wednesday, are the first of ten ordered through the Reparations agreement. Those to be used on the Jerusalem line will be heated.

Five flat freight cars, each 18 metres long and of 30 tons capacity, and six with a 40-ton capacity for the haulage of phosphates, also arrived during the week-end. They were supplied in parts and will be assembled at the railway's assembly plant.

AUSTRALIA GIVES £80,000 IN SPECIAL APPEAL

Eighty thousand pounds have so far been collected by the Keren Hayesod in its Special Emergency Fund Campaign in Australia, it has been announced by Mr. Max Fretlich, President of the Australian Keren Hayesod. This is in addition to the regular Israel appeal.

The emergency fund-raising drive run by the Keren Hayesod in South Africa has now reached its first £1m., it was announced recently in Jerusalem.

The campaign is aimed at raising £2m.

Old Coins on Display

ACRE, Sunday. — An exhibition of antique coins from the country's coastal plain was opened at the Municipal Museum here yesterday.

It will remain open for a month together with the exhibition of works of Western Galilee artists.

The coins date from the fourth century B.C.E. to the third century C.E.

Old maps showing the locations of the areas where the coins were in use are also on display.

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Mekorot May Ask Gov't to Join Firm

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A proposal to make the Government a joint and equal owner of the Mekorot water company, together with the Jewish Agency and the Histadrut, was discussed here by Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, last Thursday. A decision is expected at the next meeting of the Secretariat. It is understood that the Jewish Agency has already agreed to give the Government 17½ per cent of its shares in Mekorot, and, according to opinions expressed in the Hevrat Ovdim Secretariat, a majority in favour of a similar decision is assured within the Histadrut.

Mr. Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry, told the Secretariat that some IL500m. must be invested in Mekorot. In addition to the IL170m. which had been put in over the past 10 years. An enterprise of such magnitude, concerned with such an essential service for the nation as the supply of water, must be controlled and at least partly owned by the Government. Mr. Ze'ev Oren, Secretary General of Hevrat Ovdim, said that a water law will have to be passed, and that the Histadrut would back it. During the Mandate, a general water law had been opposed.

The Agricultural Workers Union, the main consumer of Mekorot water, had already decided in favour of government participation in the company, Mr. Avraham Harsfeld (Mapai) said. Mr. Hillel Cohen of the Solel Boneh management, and Mr. Berl Repetur (Ahdut Ha'avoda), spoke against the idea, however, expressing the fear that labour might lose its hold in the company if it had done so much to create. Mr. B. Lavie (Mapam) favoured the Government partnership, remarking that the impact of labour on the water distribution would anyhow be felt by virtue of its impact on the life of the country.

Bnei Brak to Raise Local Rates

BNEI BRAK, Sunday. — Taxes in Bnei Brak are to be raised, according to the decision taken by the Municipal Council at an all-night session that ended on Friday morning.

This rise will enable the Municipality to cover half of its budgetary deficit, and is to be allocated "progressively." General tax is to go up by 15 per cent, refuse collection rate by 20 per cent, real estate by 25 per cent, water rates by 20-25 per cent, building rates by 25 per cent and business tax by 20-50 per cent. Formerly, general tax had been the highest and business tax the lowest, but the position has now been reversed.

INSURANCE INSTITUTE PUBLICATION

A 40-page booklet, profusely illustrated with graphs and charts, describing the work of the National Insurance Institute in its first year of activities which ended on March 31, has just been published.

The booklet details at some length the problems which faced the Institute during the past year and the new ones which are now arising.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

202, 240, 41.3 & 49.9 M.

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 7.00, 9.00 p.m. & 12.00 midnight. Arabic Programme (including News): 9 a.m. 2.15 & 6.00 p.m.
6.30 a.m. Service. 6.55 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.00 Close Down.
12.00 N. "Music at Noon": Auric: Pierre (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Tchaikovsky: "Romeo & Juliet" — Fantasy Overture; McDowell: Piano Concerto No. 2 in D-minor; Kurt Weill: Suite from "The Beggars' Opera." 1.45 Light Notes (R). 2.30 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Oriental Music (R). 4.30 Light Music (R). 4.45 Children's Hour. 5.00 Musical Miniatures. 5.20 Ba'Ohaley Tora. 5.50 Youth Programme. 6.30 Kindling of Hanukka Candle and Reading from the Book of Maccabees. 6.35 "Evening Star." 6.45 Bible Reading. 7.15 Hanukka songs, Presented by Erwin Dilsay & the "Kol Yisrael" Orchestra, Conductor: Ramon Schleisinger. 7.45 Series of Lectures on Oil. 8.00 Curtain Up: "My Glorious Brothers" by Howard Fast. 8.45 Light Music (R). 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Telling Tunes: Music for Theatre. 10.00 From the treasures of the Auggdeh. 10.15 Chamber Music: Kodaly: Sonata for Cello & Piano; Hindemith: Two Pieces for Cello & Piano op. 8, played by Ilona Vince-Kraus (piano), & Dr. Laszlo Vince (cello). 11.00. Requests for Light Music. 11.30 Music of Operettas and Films. 12.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

397, 462, 235, 214, 49.9 & 31.3 M.
English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m.
French News: 2.00 p.m.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 5.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 5.45 Hebrew Lesson for Ulpanim. 6.00 Light Music. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Persian. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Close Down.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (31.3 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 Kindling of the Lights. 6.33 News. 6.40 Newsreel. 6.50 Yoseph Shochen and Pinhas Gorin. 7.00 Yiddish Programme.
11.15 p.m. Kindling of the Lights and News. 11.25 Newsreel. 11.35 Songs. 11.45 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 214, 226 & 238 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Requests (Hebrew Songs). 7.00 News. 7.10 "Limelight." 7.30 Among the Plays. 8.00 Weekly Symphonic Concert: Handel: "Fireworks" Suite; Double Concerto. Paul Ben-Haim: Hill 24 Does not Answer. 9.00 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.
B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 19.62, 25.53, 25.14 M.): 7.00-8.00 p.m. News, News Talk, Echoes from the World.

Third Technion Class Marks 25th Anniversary

HAIFA, Sunday. — Memories of early days at the Technion were revived when 26 members of the third graduating class met here over the week-end to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of their graduation. Among them were prominent engineers, technical directors of companies from all over the country, and a senior member of the Technion academic staff.

To mark the occasion, members of this class announced the establishment of a special fund to aid needy students.

The reunion opened with a visit to the Technion, where the visitors saw how their alma mater had developed since their own student days, when there were no more than two or three laboratories. They were shown buildings and laboratories of the six faculties and two departments which today constitute the I.I.T., the Israel Institute of Technology. The third graduating class met other classes at the annual reunion of Technion Alumni and the President of the Technion, Rav-Aluf Y. Dori, at the Zion Hotel.

Lighting Symposium Opens in Haifa

HAIFA, Sunday. — The fourth annual symposium on Lighting, held jointly by the Technion, the National Committee of the International Commission on Illumination and the Association of Electrical Engineers, is being held at Technion City today and tomorrow.

The programme includes lectures by experts on indoor and outside lighting problems.

Participants in the symposium will be shown installations in Haifa streets and at the new buildings and facilities at Technion City.

H.U. Students Mensa Serves 850 Lunches Daily

With the Hebrew University's new academic year now in full swing, the large students' restaurant in Mamillah Road is working almost to capacity. The mensa at the moment serves more than 850 hot lunches daily, an increase of nearly 100 per cent over the last academic year. This is believed owing to the introduction of meat courses, a University statement said. The total capacity of the restaurant is about 1,000 lunches daily.

In addition to the noon-time meals, the mensa serves about 150 breakfasts daily. Coffee, tea and other light refreshments are also available.

Due to the fact that only one student is served at a time, long queues form during the rush hours. It takes approximately 30-40 minutes to get served.

However, the wholesome food, sold at exceptionally low prices, compensates the students for the time wasted. A meat platter costs 400 pruta: sausage, 300 pruta; and fillet, 400 pruta.

The mensa is situated in large and airy premises hired by the University last year, only a few yards from the Science Departments in Mamillah Road and fairly near to the Medical School and other Faculties.

Mapai Kibbutz Group Meets

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — A meeting of the central body of the Ihud Hakvutzot Vehakibbutzim (Mapai kibbutz movement) was held at the Ohalo centre near here over the week-end. The movement's budget, activities and future action were discussed.

Mr. M. Mandel, of Kiryat Anavim, opened the debate by stressing the need for settlements to mobilise their strength for security and the further settlement of the country, especially the Negev. He suggested that the pupils of the upper classes of the kibbutz schools and other young people be assigned this task.

The Ihud secretary, Mr. Yosef Vivanti, reported on the activities of the past four years and said that the number of members had risen by 20 per cent. He praised the work of the movement's emissaries here and abroad and the young kibbutz members who have helped new settlements and immigrants' villages.

The debate concentrated on two principal subjects: the adjustment of living standards and activities to the needs of the present emergency from the viewpoint of security and economy, and the mobilization of young people for pioneering and defence tasks. The movement budget was also debated, and the meeting was due to end tonight with the adoption of resolutions and the election of officers.

SPLIT IN ITALIAN LIBERAL PARTY

ROME, Sunday (Reuter). — The Italian Liberal Party met in congress here over the week-end to find that a big centre and left-wing group had broken away to found a new party on the lines of the Mendes-France Radicals in France.

The Liberal Party's Vice-President, Prof. Vincenzo Arango Ruiz, and 31 members — one-fifth of the party's executive council — handed in their resignations on the eve of the congress.

The party has 14 members in the 590-strong Chamber of Deputies (Lower House of Parliament). The rebels include Mr. Bruno Villabruna, former Minister of Industry and Commerce, Mr. Nicolo Carandini, Italy's first post-war Ambassador to Britain, and a number of writers and journalists who have been in the forefront of the party's political battles since the fall of Fascism.

They adopted a resolution bitterly attacking the present Liberal Party leadership under Mr. Giovanni Malagodi for "selling out to conserve big business."

The new dissident party will try to forge an alliance with the small Republican Party and other mildly leftist splinter groups for the administrative elections next spring.

FIRST DUTCH PILGRIMS

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AMSTERDAM (By Mail). — The first Dutch Catholic pilgrimage to the Holy Land will be held in the spring of 1956.

The pilgrimage, which will last for 26 days, will be held by the Assumptionist Fathers of Boxtel, in North Brabant Province. The pilgrims will leave Holland on April 13.

Boston United Ousts Derby from Cup

By KEITH BERCHER

The Second Round of the English Football Association Challenge Cup was played off on Saturday, paving the way for the entry of the 44 "big 'uns" from the First and Second Divisions in the next round. The long trek will terminate in the ever-thrilling Cup Final, at the famous Wembley Stadium arena on the first Saturday of May next year.

Boston United, the Midland League team, provided the shock of the card by completely outplaying Third Divisions, Derby County on their own pitch and winning 6-1. Derby, who were themselves Cup winners in 1946 and in the First Division four years ago, were 3-0 down at half-time to the boys managed by Ray Middleton, former League player, who, in goal led his men to a most convincing win.

Bedford, the Southern League side, beat Watford, of the Third Division, 2-2, and go into the hat with the others for the draw today. Bishop Auckland drew at home with Scunthorpe United 0-0, Workzop at Bradford with the City, 2-2, Barton Albion at Halifax 0-0, and "giant-killers" of the last round, Peterborough at Swindon 1-1, and live to fight another day in replays scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday. Exeter City eliminated former Amateur Cup finalists, Hendon, 6-2.

In inter-Third Division meetings, Norwich City did well to beat Brighton & Hove Albion 2-1 in an away date, Walsall, by the same score put Southampton out of the affray at old York City at home over Mansfield Town, Grimsby Town were held 0-0 at Southport, Reading and Aldershot drew 2-2, Leyton Orient romped home 4-1 over Brentford and Accrington Stanley won 1-0 at Darlington. Barrow pulled off a nice away effort in beating Tranmere Rovers, 2-0.

Blackpool moved back into first place in the First Division as a result of Manager Preston's 4-0 in a clear-cut win, as Manchester United slumped 3-0 at Portsmouth. Sunderland, who beat Sheffield United, 3-2, in a home fixture, are third. England centre-forward, Nat Lofthouse, netted four in Bolton Wanderers 6-0 defeat of Birmingham City, in the biggest victory of the section. Huddersfield Town, despite a 2-0 win over visiting Tottenham Hotspur, still feel the table.

There were upsets in the Second Division with the three leading teams all losing. Bristol City went down 4-3 at Stoke, Sheffield Wednesday lost 3-0 at home to Rotherham United, and Swansea Town continued their losing trend with a 3-1 loss at Nottingham to the Forest. In contrast to this both Liverpool, City and Plymouth Argyle gained notable wins. A shock here was the collapse of Fulham, who lost 6-1 at Lincoln, Leicester City continued their winning way with a 5-0 home victory over Bury.

Hibernian took over the lead in the Scottish Division A with a 5-2 win over Dundee, in a game which produced eight goals in the second half, as Celtic amazed their supporters by losing 3-0 at home to Kilmarnock. Aberdeen and Rangers fought out a 0-0 draw.

RESULTS: ENGLISH LEAGUE: DIV. 1: Arsenal 2, West Brom. 0; Aston V. 3, Preston 2; Blackp'l 4, Everton 0; Bolton 6, Birmingham 0; Cardiff 2, Charlton 1; Chelsea 2, Newcastle 1; Huddersf'd 1, Tottenham 0; Man. C. 2, Luton 0; Portsm'th 3, Man. U. 1; Sunderland 3, Sheff. U. 2; Wolves 3, Burnley 1. DIV. II: Blackburn 2, Leeds 2; Brie. R. 1, West Ham 1; Doncas. R. 3, Port V. 0; Hull 2, Notts. C. 0; Leic. C. 5, Bury 0; Linc. C. 6, Fulham 1; Liverp'l 1, Barnsley 1; Notts. F. 2, Swansea 1; Plym'th 4, Middlesbro' 0; Sheff. W. 0, Rotherham 2. Stoke 4, Brie. C. 2. F.A. CUP—2nd RND: Bedford 2, Wat'd 2; Bishop Auck. 0, Scunth'pe 0; Brad'd C. Work'gton 2; Brad'd C. 2, Workshop 2; Brighton 1, Norwich 2; Chesterf'd 1, Hartlep'ls 2; Darl'ston 0, Acc'rton 8. 1; Derby 1, Boston U. 6; Exeter 6, Hendon 2; Halifax 2, Barton A. 0; Lorton O. 4, Brentf'd 1; N'hampton 4, Mansfield 1; Read'g 2, Ald'shot 2; Shrewsb'y 0, Torquay 0; S'thport 0, Grimsby 0; Swindon 4, Peterboro 1; Tranmere 0, Barrow 2; Walsall 2, S'hampton 1; Weymouth 0, Scotland 1; York 2, Mansf'ld 1. DIV. III (S): Cov. C. 5, Newp't 0. SCOTTISH LEAGUE: DIV. A: Aberd'n 0, Rangers 0; Celtic 0, Kilmarnock 2; Falk'k 1, Hearts 1; Hibs. 5, Dundee 0; Motherwell 2, Clyde 0; Portlth 1, Airdrie 0; Qns. p. 6th. 3, E. Fife 1; Raith 1, Dund'ee 1; St. Mirren 3, Stirl'g 1. RUGBY LEAGUE: NEW ZEALAND TOUR: Keighley 11, N. Zealand 11. Club match: Barrow 17, Rochdale H. 5. CRICKET: 2nd TEST (AT BOMBAY): India won by an innings and 27 runs. INDIA, 481 for 8 dec, N. ZEALAND, 258 and 196.

U.N. ACTS TO KEEP SUNFED ALIVE

UNITED NATIONS, Sunday (Reuter). — The General Assembly yesterday approved new steps for keeping alive work of the proposed Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development (SUNFED). A 16-nation Committee was appointed.

First suggested by India in 1949, SUNFED would be used to finance essential development projects that do not lend themselves to financing from private capital sources, or from the World Bank.

500 TONS of frozen meat from Argentina are being unloaded from the s.s. Rio Belgrano in Haifa Port.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

ARNON: The Keystone Kops.
EDEN: The Firefly.
EDISON: The Blue Lagoon.
ORGIL: "Les Femmes S'en Balancent."
ORION: How to be Very Very Popular.
ORNA: Princess of the Nile.
RON: Pirates of Tripoli.
ZION HALL: "Le Mouton à Cinq Pattes."
TEL OR: Tarzan's Hidden Jungle.

TEL AVIV

ALLENBY: The Adventures of Hajji Baba, 3rd week.
CHEN: Obsession, 2nd week.
ESTHER: Genes Fire.
MOGRABI: Micki People.
OPHIR: French Cancan, 5th week.
ORION: A Star is Born, 5th week.
SHDEROT: Mandy, 5th week.
TAMAR: Mariy, 8th week.
TCHELET: "Les Amants du Pape," 5th week.
TAHON: Cardinal Story.
ZAMIR: Paris, 3rd week.

HAIFA

ATZMON: Second Chance.
MAY: Battle Cry.
PEER: Children of the World.
GAL OR: Greatest Show on Earth.
HATZAFON: Man of Two Faces.
ORAN: Money from Home.
AMFITHEATER: Daniece, 3rd week.
EN DOR: Prince of Pirates.
MORIAH: Ring of Fear.
ORLY: The Drowning Version, 2nd week.
ARMON: "Le Rage au Corps."
ORION: Man Without a Star.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

DEC. 11, 1955

Pop. Loans	
1949/50 (IL20)	99½
3½% Tavel Dollar x17)	98½
4% Comp. Loan 54/57	97
3½% War Loan 54/59	100
6½% Gov. Bds (large)	94½
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	95½
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	79½
Pal. Electric Bds Ser. 3	2383
Bk. Leumi ord.sh.	
A.P.B. Jerusalem.	
ord. sh. "B"	1-9
Shell ord. sh. "B"	1,475
Hitzer's Bay. ord. (£)	1,475
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" sh.	3915
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh	775
Discp. 4% debs (50/60	745
Mtg. 4% Debs. (Issues)	945
5% pref. sh.	95
Paso 6% debs. (2/54 reg	775
"Invs" 5% debs.	125
I.I.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	225
5% debs	995
Rassco 6% pref. ord sh.	975
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	944
"A" ord. shares	134
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (1.6m)	2750
6½% P.E.C. Debs. 37/64	1377
	1077**
Makwot pref. sh.	70
Ata ord. "B" sh.	1388
6.5% conv. debs.	795
"Hasbeah" ord. "B"	1299
7% conv. debs. 59/68	1275
Koller-Bus ord. sh. reg.	325
Pal.-Recovery "Fuco" sh.	325
Assis Belgrano "B" sh.	647
"Tevo" ord. sh.	1277
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	1388
Pal. Cold St. 7% debs.	1077
ord. sh. reg. (full div.)	143
Pal. Constr. 7% 5% debs.	280
	97½

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex dividend; e) ex right; x) in % of IL1,000; y) 15.8./15.12; * Dollar; ** Index.

Alleged Letter From Anneke Beekman

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AMSTERDAM, (By Mail). — The Dutch Catholic daily "De Nieuwe Limburger" has published a letter purportedly sent by the Dutch Jewish war orphan, Anneke Beekman, in which she wrote that unless she is allowed to live with her "auntie" (the van Moorst sisters) she will remain in hiding until she becomes 21.

The letter was said to have been written by Anneke on her 15th birthday on November 21. Written in block letters, it stated that she was baptized at her own wish at the age of eight and that it was at her own initiative that she escaped from the Danneux Convent with Miss Elizabeth van Moorst, just before the police were to return them to Holland. "De Nieuwe Limburger" (formerly "De Gazet van Limburg") has been campaigning for the continued Catholic education of Anneke.

Notice to the Public

Hanukka Torch Lighting Ceremony

The torch lit at Modi'in will be brought to Jerusalem today at 4 p.m. It will be presented to the President of the State and then brought to Mt. Zion to light the Mount Zion Menora on the Hanukkiot brought from the Diaspora.

Persons interested in participating in the programme are requested to contact the Ministry of Religious Affairs during the morning hours in Hakirya, Tel Aviv. Tel. 60541.

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Wed., Dec. 14 Hadera 6, 9.30
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Sat., Dec. 17 Jaffa 6, 9.30
Mon., Dec. 19 Rehovot 5.45

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★ Exhibitions: —
1) Dutch and Flemish Painting of the 17th Century. 2) French Paintings of the 20th Century. Paintings by Suzyie Dikman. Exhibit of the Month: A Hanukka lamp (silver repoussé) 17th Century, Amsterdam. Coastal Museum, 9-7, 2-6.
Watercolours, oils and drawings by Curt Singer; Sculptures by B. Fukowsy. "Nora Studio" Art Gallery, 9 Ahvot Ben Maimon, 10-1, 3-6.
1) Watercolours and drawings by Shmuh Tagger. 2) Oils and gouaches by Eliahu Sizard. Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent Exhibition on the grounds of the Jerusalem Convention Centre, 10-1, 4-6.

★ Tours: —
Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Lectures:—
Painting and Sculpture Circle — Dr. Spitzer, on "Book Illustration problems", Beaux Club, 9 Rehov Alharizi, 8.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV
Italian specialities, lunch, dinner, music, Lucky's Bar, 3 Allenby Rd.

★ Tourist Service: —
B.O.A. House, 9.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.; 9-10.30 p.m.

★ Exhibitions:—
"Mazliz" Israel Village Arts and Crafts. Woodcuts by Jacob Steinhardt. Recent Paintings by Arie Aroch. New acquisitions by the Museum, Tel Aviv Museum, 10-1, 4-7.
Paintings by Yahiel Kriss — Painters & Sculptors Pavilion — 1 Rehov Alharizi — 10-1, 4-7.
International Exhibition of Theatre Posters. Mograbi, 4-7 p.m.

★ Theatre: —
Ohel, "Elderado." 8 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "The Italian Straw Hat," Mograbi Hall, 6.30, 9.15 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "The Castle," New Chamber Theatre, 8 p.m.
Habimah, "Alei Kinor," Habimah. (for Students), 11 a.m.
Habimah, "Pandre the Moro," Habimah, 8 p.m.

★ Concert: —
Piano Recital — Mia Goldstein (Brahms, Liszt, Chopin), Museum, 8.30 p.m.

RAMAT GAN
★ Theatre: —
Do-Re-Mi, "Holiday in Venice." Rama Hall, 8.15 p.m.

BEERSHEBA
★ Theatre: —
Chamber Theatre, "The Lady of the Manor." 8 p.m.

TIBERIAS
★ Theatre: —
"The Singing Blacksmith" — Benzion Witler and Shifra Lerer, Aviv, 8.45 p.m.

RAANANA
★ Theatre: —
"Kopl Kive Vert A Tate" — Yiddish Theatre — 8.30 p.m.

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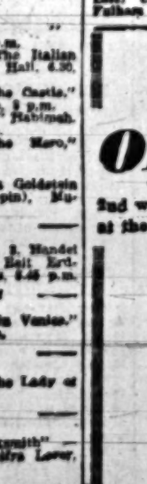

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Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

OUTLOOK: Cloudy with occasional showers in the north and central parts of the country. Partly cloudy in the Negev.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Gamo'an	70	3	6	9
Tiberias	70	3	6	10
Haifa Port	70	6	11	14
Natanya	70	6	10	17
Tel Aviv Kirya	70	6	10	17
Tel Aviv Port	70	10	17	18
Lydda Airport	70	4	17	18
Jerusalem	66	1	11	16
Beersheba	66	1	13	20
Eilat	66	5	15	21

A) Humidity at 5 p.m. B) Mist (gram temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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10,000 dunams of citrus plantations were drawn yesterday in Tel Aviv in a lottery for the "Saving for Groves" Project, sponsored by the Development Authority, Yakhin-Hakal and Pardess Syndicate. Lots of 10, 15 and 20 dunams were apportioned to the winning numbers. The remaining names were also drawn to determine the order of preference in the event of the winners of the draw rescinding their claims.

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MEMBERS OF the Army unit which has been adopted by the Herzliya Local Council and the Sharon Hotel were present at a children's Hanukka party at the hotel yesterday afternoon, and presented part of the entertainment programme. The children were taken to the hotel from Tel Aviv and district.

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THE PROPRIETORS of the Ben Yehuda, Hamerkaz, and Talpiot cafes, were recently fined IL20 each by the Jerusalem Municipal Magistrate for being open on the Sabbath.

Haifa Labour to Publish List of 'Arms' Donors

HAIFA, Sunday. — A brochure with the names of all Histadrut members who have donated to the Defence Fund in Greater Haifa will be issued by the Labour Council. Haifa workers have so far given IL280,000 in cash, the Council has announced.

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The sum of IL4,401,000 had been received for the Defence Fund at the Bank of Israel at the close of business on Friday.

Among the contributions received in the Tel Aviv Kirya yesterday were an additional IL8,000 from the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Chamber of Commerce, and IL14,845 from the Builders and Contractors Organization of Tel Aviv. Amidar employees have decided to raise their commitment to IL80,000 by contributing six instead of four days' wages.

A further IL2,000 from the Jaffa Port workers brought their total contribution so far to IL9,000.

Two Tel Aviv children have published a paper "Homagen—The Shield," price: 50 pr., and all the income goes to the Fund. Yesterday, they brought in IL9.700.

DETENTION EXTENDED IN POISONING CASE

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday. — The detention of Mrs. Genya Yatom, charged with having poisoned two children in Kibbutz Ma'barot, was extended for another 15 days by Magistrate H. S. Nahmani here today, in accordance with a police request.

The order was served behind closed doors. Mrs. Yatom was taken to the court from Be'er Ya'akov Hospital, where she is being examined. *(Itim.)*

Beckelman, 49, Dead In New York

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — Moses W. Beckelman, Director-General of the General Overseas Operations of the Joint Distribution Committee, died here yesterday after a heart attack, aged 49. He died at the home of Mr. Mark McCloskey, Chairman of the N.Y. State Youth Commission, where he had been a guest since his arrival in the U.S. last Thursday. He was scheduled to speak at the J.D.C. annual meeting next Thursday and at the forthcoming U.J.A. conference.

Born and educated in New York, Beckelman held a number of top posts in social work and teaching before he joined the J.D.C. in 1939 to direct its programme in the Baltic states. In recognition of his work, the French Government awarded him the Legion of Honour with the rank of Chevalier in 1953. He is survived by his wife and daughter Ruth.

Tributes to him were paid yesterday by Mr. Paul Baerwald, Mr. Edward Warburg and Mr. Moses A. Leavitt, Honorary Chairman, Chairman and Executive Vice-Chairman, respectively, of Joint.

NOTED MATHEMATICIAN DEAD IN ZURICH

Professor Hermann Weyl, the noted mathematician, died in Zurich this week-end at the age of 70, *The Jerusalem Post* is informed.

Professor Weyl, who was Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at the Princeton Institute of Advanced Studies, had formerly been Professor of Mathematics at Zurich and Gottingen. He did considerable research work on Group Theory, on which he was recognized as a world expert, as well as in other branches of mathematics. He published numerous articles and books, one of which, "The Philosophy of Mathematics," has been translated into Hebrew.

The deceased was born and educated in Germany.

A condolence message has been cabled to the deceased's family by the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot.

President Ben-Zvi Gets Torch Lit From Flame Kindled at Modi'in

Jerusalem Post Staff

Fire from a torch lit yesterday morning on a bare hillside overlooking Modi'in, ancient birthplace of the Maccabees, near Lydda, was presented to President Ben-Zvi in the afternoon by relay runners of the "Young Maccabi" movement.

Starting in a light drizzle, the runners, sporting the emblem of their movement on their undershirts, passed the torch to Mr. Ben-Zvi, who invited the athletes to his home for wine and cakes.

Leaving the President's residence, the runners in the 11th race carried the torch to the courtyard of the National Institutions where they presented it to Mr. Y. Weitz of the Jewish National Fund Board of Directors. The flame brought from Modi'in was then used to kindle the hanukkia atop the JNF Head Office. The runners then continued through the main streets of the Capital to the Municipality, where the torch was presented to Mayor Gershon Agron.

The flame was borne by successive relays of boys and girls who passed the bright symbol of Jewish independence from hand to hand, kilometer after kilometer, through fields and crowded streets. Here and there, it was used to light a waiting beacon which was carried off in another direction, and then continued on its way.

National Flag Raised

Only two kilometers from the border, at the ruin of Dir Abu Salam, with the deep sich green of the Herzl Forest of Ben Shemen in the background, and the rocky, eroded hills stretching to the Jordan village which houses the graves of the Maccabees, a small group of young Maccabi members raised the National Flag, and set light to a beacon on the ground. The grey clouds almost swept the hillside and the cold wind drove the smoke over the rocks.

A short ceremony, and then the torch was lit from the fire. Then, Dov Goldbard, 18-year-old Maccabi from Tel Aviv, who had been given leave from the army for the occasion, took the torch on its first lap down to Ben Shemen, the children's village. Along the road eager hands were waiting to relieve him of the burden and carry it onwards.

Through Lydda, where the beacon for Jerusalem was fed from the original flame and sped eastwards, another torch flared up and disappeared to the north on to Ramla. The light split again — this time to the south. An escort of cyclists and a trio of two girls and a boy received the original flame and, running with precision and ease, sped down through Rehovot and entered the grounds of the Weizmann Memorial. They ran up the drive to halt at the grave of Dr. Chaim Weizmann — who in his life had many times received the torch — where Mrs. Chaim Weizmann lit the candelabrum placed at the foot of the grave and heard the declaration of the Maccabi movement read out.

But this was not the end of the journey, and the torch was carried through Mas Shana and Rishon le-Zion, pausing briefly in the Maccabi clubs to raise the flames on the candelabra there, while wide-eyed children dressed in the blue and white forage caps of the movement stood at attention and sang their hymn.

Rainbow Spans Town

On schedule, the relay passed the Kiryat Shalom crossing. The rain had held off throughout the run, though always threatening, and at that moment a rainbow spanned the town, and the torch seemed to pass right under and through it on its way into Tel Aviv. A police motorcycle escort flanked the runners, and with roaring sirens brought traffic to a standstill. As the torch passed from hand to hand without stop, the runners fell back and swelled the ranks of the escorting group of athletes through the main streets of the city.

Young Maccabi members gave way to veterans of the movement, and on the last lap along Allenby Road to the Great Synagogue, white-haired members of the sports club proudly took the beacon into the crowded synagogue. The Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Dr. I.Y. Unterman, received it there and after the large candelabrum had been fed from its flame, he spoke to the boys and girls of the parallel between the heroism that was being commemorated and the trials facing the nation today.

He was followed by Mr. I. Sussman, Chairman of the Maccabi Centre.

ANOTHER SMUGGLING SUSPECT DETAINED

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Shaul Sharabani, brother of Nissim Sharabani, suspected of illegal foreign currency dealings, was detained for eight days on the order of Magistrate Y. Treivish in Tel Aviv today. The Relieving President of the Tel Aviv District Court, Mr. M. Kennet, rejected the appeal by Duv Israelit, suspected of smuggling foreign currency, to be released immediately on bail.

72-Year-Old Wins $100,000 in T.V. Quiz

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — A 72-year-old woman last night won the biggest prize ever awarded on a television show — $100,000. Mrs. Ethel Richardson successfully answered a list of questions on folk songs on the programme called, "The Big Surprise."

Two persons have already won $64,000 on another American television show, "The $64,000 question."

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4th Deputy Mayor Elected in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Town Council this evening, after a long delay, selected as its fourth Deputy Mayor the Poale Agudat Israel Councillor, Mr. Ya'acov Katz, M.K., with the opposition and the Hapoel Hamizrahi Councillor abstaining. The latter, Mr. Y. Levanon, took Mr. Katz to task for not waiting until coalition talks with Mapai had been concluded.

The Herut Councillor, Mr. S. Jungman, also charged Mr. Katz with hastiness. Mr. Katz made a spirited defence and said his record bore testimony that he had not forsaken the interests of the observant population.

Acting Mayor E. Shub told the Council that despite the approaching time limit, no 1956/57 budget estimate could yet be presented because of such unknown expenditures as that for wages, which made up much of the budget, and of the Government grant, on the income side. A five-man committee including the General Zionist Councillor, Mr. Z. Zimmerman, was appointed to deal with the problem of preparing a new budget.

Council Agreed

The Council was fairly agreed on the need for spending some IL300,000 for ensuring the city's water supply in an emergency.

The Council also will have to discuss how to raise IL1m. to expand the water supply to cope with the growing need, now nine-and-a-half million cubic metres. The plan is to pipe water from Western Galilee to Haifa, the cost of which is to be shared by Mekorot and the Municipality. As it was unlikely that a low-interest, long-term bank loan could be obtained, the question of financing the scheme was difficult, the Acting Mayor warned.

The Council also decided to increase the fees at the Rothschild Hospital from IL7 to IL9 a day and to negotiate with Kupat Holim to increase the hospitalization fee for its members from IL4 to IL6.

At present, water from rich Galilee sources is brought by Mekorot as far as Shfar Am. To continue the line to Haifa, Mekorot is asking the town to help pay for the cost of the line plus a concession fee, which together will cost IL1.2m. Since the Municipality has been unable to obtain a loan to cover this sum a price rise is envisaged. The Municipality has already laid some 18-inch main lines in various parts of the town to carry the water when it is supplied.

If the scheme is executed, Haifa would get an additional 10 million cubic metres of water from Galilee, besides the 9.5 million cubic metres now brought from Wadi Falah.

The saline contents of the Falah water has risen lately, indicating a possible over-exploitation of the source. The Galilee water would supply the town's needs for the next 15 years.

Police Uphold Burial Tradition

SAFAD, Sunday. — The ancient tradition of burying the dead without a coffin was challenged here today and upheld with the aid of the police. The family of Haim Hess, 28, who died in Tiberias on Friday, demanded that he be buried in the coffin in which he was brought from Tiberias. The Safad Rabbinate and burial society refused to bury him in the coffin, fearing their refusal on the Talmud and the "Shulhan Arukh."

Their stand angered the deceased man's family and blows were averted only by the immediate intervention of the police. They explained that an ancient tradition was involved. The body was buried without a coffin.

Tel Aviv to Sell Land To Pay for Schools

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The money realised from the sale of 15 dunams of municipal-owned land in the north of the city will be used exclusively to build 100 new school classrooms, according to a decision taken by the Council here today. The land, which is part of an area set aside for a municipal health centre near Kikar Hamedina, will be sold to the Palestine Economic Corporation for about IL430,000, which will provide more than 40 per cent of the sum required to build the school accommodation.

On the insistence of the Mapai and Ahdut Ha'avoda Councillors, the Council agreed that the sale would not take place unless the Municipality guaranteed the balance of the cost of building the new classrooms. The Mapam and Communist Councillors voted against the sale of the plot, despite the Mayor's explanation that there was no other way of fulfilling the school building programme next year.

Mr. H. Levanon, the Mayor, announced that he had today met representatives of the Municipality's employees regarding their pension claims, and that he hoped that a solution would be found to their demands.

He sent the greetings of the Council to the newly appointed Director-General of the Ministry of Interior Mr. Y. Meied (Moledavitch), a former city councillor, and welcomed the new Ahdut Ha'avoda member, Mr. Haim Levistan, who replaces Mr. Meied.

National UNICEF Committee Formed

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The foundation meeting of the national public committee for U.N.I.C.E.F., the U.N. Children and Infants Fund, took place at Z.O.A. House here today. Mr. M. Barsela, Director General of the Ministry for Social Welfare, was in the chair. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Government, Municipality and social institutions. Prof. W. Strauss, one of the heads of U.N.I.C.E.F. in Israel, was also present.

The new committee will be responsible for publicising the Fund's activities. It will also serve as a link between the U.N.I.C.E.F. management and the Israel institutions dealing with child and mother care, especially the women's organizations.

Police Officers Tell Court How They Helped Get Witness Loan

Two senior Jerusalem police officers, Mr. Y. Maibar, Deputy District Superintendent of Police, and Mr. D. Wilk, head of the Jerusalem precinct, yesterday gave the District Court full details of their actions in obtaining a IL1,500 loan for Mr. Y. Rosenberg, chief prosecution witness in the trial against Reuven "Romek" Greenberg. (Greenberg is being tried on a charge of threatening Mr. Rosenberg and of attacking him.)

Mr. Wilk, who was cross-examined by Mr. D. Yanovsky, attorney for Greenberg, said that he felt that if he did not help Mr. Rosenberg, the latter would commit an "act of desperation." Police aid was usual in such cases, even if the police were filing charges against the recipient, he explained.

However, Mr. Wilk said he did not know of cases where the police had arranged for loans, and he denied that any connection existed between the loan and Mr. Rosenberg's testimony. Since an equal amount had to be deposited in the bank to obtain the loan, this money was obtained, he believed, from National Police Headquarters and deposited under the name of Dr. Alexandra Poliakov, the wife of Mr. Maiber (and not Mr. A. Pollack of Haifa, as reported yesterday).

Published in Press

Mr. Wilk was sure that neither Mr. Rosenberg nor his wife knew that the police had posted the security until this fact was published in the daily press. The actual money was given to Mr. Rosenberg only after he had testified.

Mr. Wilk learned of Mr. Rosenberg's desperate financial situation not only from personal meetings, but also from a policeman who was selling a fountain-pen for Mr. Rosenberg. Asked by Mr. Yanovsky why Mr. Rosenberg did not sell his piano or refrigerator, Mr. Wilk replied that he did not believe that a buyer could readily be found for a piano.

Mr. Maiber told the court that the IL1,500 posted as security came from Police Headquarters. Asked by Mr. Yanovsky if "these monetary matters were handled by the Political Department of the Police," Mr. Maiber said that he had no idea.

Judge M. Gaulan noted that he was interested in only one thing: was Mr. Rosenberg's testimony "bought" by this loan or not?

Judge Gaulan rejected a request by Mr. Yanovsky to hear additional witnesses, including Mr. Levy Avrahami, District Superintendent of Police.

In his summation, Mr. G. Bach of the State Attorney's Office said that the fact that Mr. Rosenberg knew nothing of the police having posted security and that the loan had been granted only after his testimony had been given, proved that the police had no intention of influencing either his testimony or that of his wife.

Mr. Yanovsky said that the first claim was false. With regard to the second, he claimed that Mrs. Rosenberg applied for the loan one day after the police had put up security, showing that she knew of the police action. The fact that the loan was actually granted only after Mr. Rosenberg testified indicated that the police were "making sure" of his testimony.

Judgment will be given on Sunday. *(Itim.)*

Court Rejects Appeal Against Life Sentence

The Supreme Court sitting as the Court of Criminal Appeals yesterday rejected an appeal against the life sentence imposed on Shaul Nehemia, Mordechai Goslan and Avraham Biton for the murder of Dr. S. Benaim, of Jerusalem, in August, 1954.

The Court ruled that under the law, a person who inadvertently commits a crime during the commission of a planned crime is guilty of both. Thus, the accused were guilty of murder even if they had intended, as they pleaded, only to abduct the deceased.

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Butagaz Users To Pay Less

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The replacement of domestic gas cylinders of the Butagaz Company, made imperative when the gas was changed from butane to propane of a higher pressure, will cost the consumer a minimum of IL80 instead of the previously announced IL60, Mr. Moshe Gilboa, Deputy Director of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, yesterday told a press conference in Jerusalem. Maximum replacement costs were also reduced from IL120 to IL81.

Mr. Gilboa said that the reduction was the fruit of long negotiations between the Government and the Company in which it was agreed that deposits on cylinders be cut by 25 per cent and agents' profits by almost 40 per cent. The Government, for its part, agreed to reduce the purchase tax by IL8 to IL12, depending on the number of replacements made.

This reduction only applies to cylinders replaced. Any new installations will be charged at the regular price.

Those customers who have already changed their cylinders and have paid the higher price, will have the difference refunded, Mr. Gilboa stated.

Butagas has promised that it will not accept any new customers until it completes the replacement of all the old cylinders.

P.E.C. INVESTS MORE IN 'FERTILIZERS'

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — The Palestine Economic Corporation is to invest another $750,000 in Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. in addition to the $1.5m. already invested, Mr. R. Sasoli, president of the P.E.C., announced on his departure today for the U.S. after a two-and-a-half-month visit here on behalf of the company. *(Itim.)*

Haifa Libel Suit Settled Out of Court

HAIFA, Sunday. — The "Frellich Affair" was settled out of court today when the owner of the Atzmon Cinema, Mr. Haim Weisaberger, apologized for "making an untrue statement" and for the wrong done to the complainant when he accused Mr. Frellich, a Municipal Engineer, of having been paid a monthly bribe of IL300 in return for certain favours.

Following the accusation, a Municipal Inquiry Committee ordered Mr. Frellich to sue Mr. Weisaberger for libel or face dismissal. Mr. Frellich filed suit against Mr. Weisaberger.

In today's hearing, Mr. Frellich's counsel said that following the apology by Mr. Weisaberger, there was no need to continue the trial, and the Magistrate agreed to dismiss the case. As an expression of goodwill Mr. Weisaberger said that he would contribute IL100 to the Arms Fund.

KIBBUTZ GUARD KILLS SELF ACCIDENTALLY

SAFAD, Sunday.—Moshe Weissmann, 28, of Kibbutz Ramat Naftali in Upper Galilee, accidentally killed himself on Friday night when his rifle went off. While on guard duty he entered the room of a girl friend for a chat, and rested his chin on the barrel. When the gun went off he was killed instantly.

LAKE KINNERET

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ing from Syria into the strip as well as from Israel into Syrian territory is a violation of the armistice which was especially noted in a resolution adopted at a M.A.C. meeting on March 16, 1954. Repeated suggestions by Israel that individual Syrians be granted, on personal application to the Israel authorities, special fishing permits, were ignored by the Syrians.

On July 29, 1954, the Syrians again raised the question of their rights in the lake, but the M.A.C. again rejected the Syrian claims. The same meeting adopted another resolution prohibiting the use of armoured launches armed with heavy guns on the lake, because it was situated in the "defensive area." But a meeting between the Israel Chief of Staff and Gen. E.L.M. Burns on September 8 reached agreement permitting the use of armoured launches equipped with light arms.

Israel casualties on the Lake in the first six months of 1954 were two killed and seven wounded, while during the first 10 months of 1955, there were 25 incidents in which Syrian outposts fired on Israel fishermen and police, causing loss of life and damage to property.

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Candidates are requested immediately to apply in writing to the I.P.O. Management, 56 Allenby Road, Tel Aviv.

Toys Given To Foster Children

Thirty-eight children and their foster parents attended the Ministry for Social Welfare's annual party for its wards in Jerusalem yesterday, given with the assistance of The Jerusalem Post-fin'ad Toy Fund. Suitable presents had been selected for each child from the Toy Fund's store, and were presented to the foster mothers. One little girl quickly pulled the small broom out of her housewife set, and began busily to sweep the floor.

The main part of the entertainment was provided by Mr. Ephraim Milo, the head of the Juvenile Probation Services, who has a puppet show of his own. After the performance, there were doughnuts and sweets, also provided by the Toy Fund.

Last night's air mail from the U.S. included an urgent enquiry from five children of Class 5A of Peterson School in Chicago, asking what toys they should send for the children of the new villages in Israel. A very welcome gift of IL80 came from "Ma'ariv," the only other newspaper to contribute to *The Post* Fund so far.

Yesterday's gifts totalled IL-606.150, and the total of contributions now stands at IL10,071.205.

Latest list of donors to the Toy Fund:

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IL 10 — Semmy, Gila and Benny Jacobowitz, Pitrank, Herzliya.
IL 14 — Anonymous, Rehovot.
IL 10 — Dr. A.W. Marcus-J. Alexander; W. Van Leer; Gabriel (5 yrs. old) and Dorit (3 weeks old) Arbel, Haifa. Mr. S. Lipman, Tel Aviv, Freya Glaison, Kfar Hamaccabi.
IL 6 — G.A., Jerusalem (one of the 500), Mr. & Mrs. Frank, Rishon (another of the 500).
IL 4 — Rina, Yossan and Ido Rothchard, Tel Aviv.
IL 2,500 — Mrs. Litwinsky, Tel Aviv in memory of Dr. Lehrfreund.
IL 5 — Daniel Lighter; Ora Reisner, Dr. Rivenfeld, Haifa. Jacobsohn, Hiryat Bialik. Dr. R. Stermer, Jerusalem. Oni and Yigal Levinson, Tavpiel. Noemi and Benio Yechezvetz; Dr. and Mrs. E. Magnes, on occasion of 30th anniversary; Anonymous; Rad Reinhold; Sarah Feral; Ruben Cramer; Miryam Moran, Tel Aviv, In Memoriam Rivka Berger, J. Rehmel, Herzliya.
IL 3 — Mrs. Yoni Lichtig; Photo Prior, Tel Aviv.
IL 2,500 — Shlomo Weichsbrown; Lea Katz, Haifa.
IL 3 — Tally (3 yrs. old) and Danny (9 months old) Goldberg; B. & J.C. for Alan and Johnny Matten Bettendorf of Iowa; Michael, Jonathan and Irit Kenaz; Noemi and Edna; Bridge Club, Haifa. Haifa, Pardo Ariel; Dr. Avidov; Yaacb, Yoel, Mrs. Dan Dodik, Rehovot, Virginia, Ann, Caroline, Tyra, Scotland.
IL 2,000 — Peter Bartyan, Jerusalem.
IL 1,250 — Mrs. Lichtstein, Rehovot.
IL 3 — Mrs. Esther Fabrel; Shimon Raha, on 2nd birthday, Jerusalem; Shimon Pinkus, Nahalal. G.B.; N.G.; Benaan Michal (4), Karen (3); Michael and Jonathan, Rehovot. M.K.; Yoel and Eitan Schreiber; Orly and Dorit Dachis, Haifa. Anonymous; Anonymous; Metrochel; Two Indian gentlemen on behalf of Indian children; Photo Wera, Tel Aviv. Dorothy and Diana Thomson, Sydney, Australia.
IL 1,000 — Yair Adelstein (7); Yoram Adelstein (4), Tel Aviv. Shelly and Jilian, Rehovot.
IL 1 — Michal Goldman, Rehovot. Anonymous; Mr. Cohen, Tel Aviv. Michal Winterfeld; Odette Nezivi, Haifa. Mary and Emanuel Felnberg, Kiryat Yam.
IL 0.500 — Anonymous, Tel Aviv. Dr. Frei, Rehovot.

Steady Rain Endangers Crops in West Galilee

NAHARIYA, Sunday.—The rain which has been falling uninterruptedly for two days will probably cause serious damage to farms in Western Galilee. Many fields are under water.

At the Acre *ma'bara*, the rain has penetrated many of the tin huts. The residents there protested to the Mayor about their housing conditions and were promised repairs within two days.

In Haifa, the rain continued to fall almost non-stop all day. The Fire Brigade had a busy time, being called more than 30 times to pump out cellars and rescue trapped persons. At Rehov Mechet, a number of children could not get out of their home and even firemen had a hard job rescuing them. At Rehov Pi Adrisi an old couple were trapped in their basement home.

The Jewish Agency had no calls for help. Yesterday, it cancelled its "stand-by duty" of 24 hours a day.

THE SIXTH branch of the Bank Leumi in Jerusalem was opened at 17 King George Avenue yesterday.

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Cables in Brief

ATOMIC. — A delegation of nine Soviet atomic scientists arrived in Peking on Saturday by plane from the Soviet Union, Peking Radio said yesterday the group is "specialized in the peaceful use of atomic energy."

ENVOYS.—TASS has announced that Mr. T. Gaishin has been appointed Soviet Ambassador to Czechoslovakia. Mr. M. P. Tiryubin, the previous envoy, was appointed Ambassador to Yugoslavia in August.

DOCUMENTS. — Italy's court of appeal has refused to grant to the family of Clara Petacci, mistress of Benito Mussolini, documents found in the garden of her villa after the war, including volumes of love letters exchanged between her and the Fascist dictator.

FLIGHTS. — A Soviet-Finnish agreement signed in Helsinki on Saturday means Finland will be the first Western country to fly its own planes into Soviet territory when a Helsinki-Moscow air service starts on February 15.

SUICIDE. — Retired Admiral Carlos Martinez, former Argentine Chief of Naval Operations in the Peron regime, was found shot dead on Saturday. Police said he had committed suicide.

RECREATION OFFICIAL HERE ON VISIT

Mr. T. B. Rivers, the Executive Secretary of the International Recreation Service of the U.S. National Recreation Association, and Mrs Rivers have arrived in Israel for a visit in connection with the International Youth Conference to be held next year in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Rivers visited Beersheba yesterday as guests of Mayor David Tuvyahu. The Ministry of Education and Culture is holding a reception for the visitors at 6 o'clock this evening at the Louise Waterman-Wise Youth Hostel in Beyit Vagan, Jerusalem.

HENRY SUYDAM DEAD

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. Henry Suydam, 64, Chief of the News Division of the State Department, died today of a heart attack. He had held the post since October 1, 1953.

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MORE RADIO

LAST night, Kol Yisrael began to broadcast according to a revised schedule, providing an extra hour of late night features and 45 minutes additional transmitting time on the second wavelength. At the same time, the entire evening pattern has been revised, involving the rearrangement of all programmes, including news, and the introduction of many new series. Other recent developments have been the visit of a B.B.C. expert to advise on the entire structure of broadcasting and the approach to its problems, and the conducting of a Public Opinion Poll among listeners.

Any sign of progress in the broadcasting service is welcome, for the public nature of Kol Yisrael makes it an easy target for criticism. At the same time it may be asked whether this reshuffle of programmes and the addition of extra transmitting time are more than palliatives that will not supply the basic need. The root of the trouble is that Kol Yisrael was never set up; it just came into being overnight, and many of the original defects have been perpetuated. It is true that many of our other national institutions had a similar birth, but radio is different in the sense that it is a highly complex organization, serving as a national newspaper, an artistic medium, a vehicle of education and a source of entertainment. Kol Yisrael, however, has never had a fair chance to operate. Each of its branches has perforce to exist by cheeseparing, and every extra pruta has to be fought over. It is therefore no wonder that many of the country's leading artists refuse to participate, while technical deficiencies can be constantly discerned—even to the extent of the service still being inaudible in certain areas of the country. Given a fair chance to obtain the staff and equipment needed, Kol Yisrael should be able to start playing its proper part. It is surely at least entitled to the total income from licence fees, less collecting fees. As it is, there is a constant battle with the Treasury, while the step-child status of the radio is illustrated by the anomalous position whereby it belongs to the Prime Minister's Office yet is the responsibility of the Minister of Education.

A suggestion has been made, and has gained a certain amount of support, that radio should be run not by the government but by a Corporation, responsible to — but not controlled by — the government. Analogies are the B.B.C. in London, while here the Tourist Corporation has recently been formed along similar lines. Although such a suggestion is worth considering, the formation of a Corporation is not an automatic panacea. By whatever means the object is achieved, it is essential to rescue Kol Yisrael from the current timidity which stems from its official position. Some of the dullness is due not to this but to the absence of broadcasters with the right techniques. Intimate radio talkers are hard to find in this nation of public speakers. An interviewer with a warm personality has not yet been discovered. Humour — either in the person of a comedian or a comedy series — is woefully lacking. But all this is not for want of trying. On the other hand, a breath of freshness could be imparted by a freer approach to all topics, however controversial, but this is not easily forthcoming from civil servants. There are too many "sacred cows," too many subjects that are tabu, to trouble the broadcaster and blunt his initiative.

The time has come for a proper realization of the importance of radio in Israel. Elsewhere it is fading at the expense of television but here there is no likelihood of any such competition for some years to come. It should be given the chance to stand on its own feet, instead of serving as the Cinderella of government services.

British Trade Official To Visit Israel

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. R. J. Kinsey, of Britain's Export Credits Guarantee Department, left here today for a six-month tour of Israel, Persia, Iraq, the Persian Gulf states, Saudi Arabia, Syria, the Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, the Sudan and Ethiopia.

He will study business conditions to see whether any modifications of the Department's insurances are required to meet special problems in these markets.

Letter from New York

U.S. JEWS WILL STAY JEWISH

By JESSE ZEL LURIE

AN article called "The Position of Jews in America Today," which appears in the November 29 issue of "Look" Magazine and is written by William Attwood, "Look's" National Affairs Editor, has already caused a great deal of excited discussion among Jews here and will probably evoke much more. It is the kind of discussion that arises when you agree or disagree with someone's description of your brother or uncle, for Mr. Attwood's article deals with the family affairs of American Jewry and does not pretend to be a documented sociological study.

On the whole, the Anglo-Jewish press is pleased with the article. The Minneapolis "American Jewish World" praises it as "a sincere effort to look at the American community objectively." (Mr. Attwood is a Gentile and a friendly one). The "National Jewish Post" says that the article "came about as close to being accurate as one could hope. Even a Jewish author could hardly have done better," and compares it favourably with "the old thing that 'Life' Magazine did on the Jewish religion some months ago."

Religion Overlooked

Perhaps the rabbis may not be so pleased, for it does not emphasize to any extent the part religion plays in American-Jewish life. I notice, for example, that for this coming Friday evening my own rabbi has announced a sermon on "a facet of the Jewish position which Mr. Attwood seems to have overlooked."

But whether you agree or disagree with some parts of Mr. Attwood's report, you cannot help but like the simple, straightforward presentation of a man who went out and talked to American Jews in all walks of life and in all parts of the country to learn how they lived, what they thought, and how they differed from their Gentile neighbours.

Written in question and answer style, Mr. Attwood's article starts with the question, "What is a Jew?" and includes most of the questions American Jews have been asking themselves in recent years. Incidentally, Mr. Attwood's definition of a Jew is one of the simplest and best that this reporter has seen.

"Jewishness," says he, "is a complex of religion, of culture, of memories, of habits; it includes certain foods and certain jokes. It's a feeling of kinship with other Jews. It's a way of life." And then his definition: "A Jew is a member of an historical community held together by common memories, religious tradition and external pressure."

Jews in America are still an urban people, according to the article. Almost one-half live in New York City; three-fourths are concentrated in the 16 largest cities. But there are 100,000 Jewish farmers. American Jews have a larger proportion of business, professional and white-collar workers than do either American Protestants or American Catholics. "They also have a superior earning power," says Mr. Attwood. "It has been estimated that they number 3.5 per cent of the population but receive 10 per cent of the total personal income; of America's 4,000 millionaires, about 30 per cent are Jewish."

Incidentally, it is to this part of the article that the Minneapolis "Jewish World" takes exception. The editor not only questions the superior earning power, but also questions whether many of the millionaires numbered among Mr. Attwood's 30 per cent can really be considered Jewish. It is easy to understand his concern about this, for one of the battle-cries of American anti-Semites has always been "rule by Jewish bankers." But Mr. Attwood meant it as a tribute to the industry and intelligence of the Jewish people for he had previously pointed out that the fathers, the immigrants, went to work in sweatshops and factories, but the sons go into business or a profession. This is, of course, the general American dream of family progress and is not merely confined to those of Jewish birth, but Mr. Attwood seems to think that Jews have succeeded in realizing the dream to a greater extent than others.

How are Jews different from other Americans? Mr. Attwood feels that the big difference is that "Every American Jew at one time or another has felt the sting of anti-Semitism... Somebody, somewhere, has called him a 'dirty Jew', a 'kike', or a 'sheeny.' Or he has been made to feel unwanted, excluded... This leaves a mark. It has also given him a sense of kinship with other Jews. Together they wince when Rosenbergs are convicted and rejoice when Einsteins are honoured."

There are other, positive differences: temperance, industry, family solidarity and a zeal for education. Crime, divorce, delinquency and alcoholism rates are lower among Jews than the national average. They have a smaller proportion of prison inmates and a larger proportion of college graduates.

Can a U.S. Jew support the State of Israel and still be a good American? Mr. Attwood's answer is an unqualified "yes." He feels that the existence of Israel has made them better Americans. They take pride in Israel's achievements and it has given them self-respect to know that Jews can be good fighters and farmers. As for Zionists — since the founding of the State, they have become fund-raisers or cheque-book Zionists; they are not emigrating and "have no intention of leaving a country that, to an increasing number, is not only their own but their native land."

Is there much intermarriage? No. Less than 10 per cent of Jews marry outside their faith as compared with 50 per cent of Catholics. In most cases, the bride is Gentile and the groom Jewish and the children are usually raised as Jews. "Jews continue to marry within their faith for many reasons: religion, custom, compatibility. But the main one is that their social contacts are too frequently limited to other Jews."

Mr. Attwood discusses at some length the problem of anti-Semitism or the fear of anti-Semitism as it exists in America today. There is little overt anti-Semitism. He feels that American Jews today have a better-than-even chance of living full, productive lives without being frustrated by discrimination. Yet there is still a handful of hate sheets, there is still some economic discrimination, and some medical schools still have a Jewish "quota." But the last big barrier between Jews and Gentiles is a social one and it is maintained by both groups.

Anti-Semitism, according to the author, is most prevalent in cities with a large Jewish population that did not grow up with the community and that has little social contact with Gentiles. It manifests itself socially — but has some economic repercussions. Anti-Semitism is also a symptom of surface prejudice that disturbs and worries many Jews; for so long as prejudice still smoulders, they will be nagged by the fear that it may flare up one day into something bigger and uglier than the snobbish name game now practised by America's clubs.

Anti-Semitism Down

Anti-Semitism, however, is more of an irritant than a real problem, Mr. Attwood believes. It is declining. Greater Jewish participation in civic affairs and the educational activities of groups like the Anti-Defamation League and the National Conference of Christians and Jews have had their effect. Also, U.S. industry has discovered that discrimination (not against Jews alone but against all minority groups) has cost it some $30,000m. a year. Discrimination does not pay.

One symptom of great Jewish security in America is the fact that Jews are becoming more assertive about their faith. Parents who once advised children to ignore anti-Semitic jibes, now tell them to fight back. Said one young soldier, "If a guy calls you a 'kike' and you swing at him, everybody else is on your side. I've tried it."

There is a great religious revival among all faiths in America, and Judaism is no exception. But among Jews it is not only religious but a positive acceptance of their Jewishness. Jewish parents who know little about their faith and culture are sending their children to synagogue schools to learn about Judaism and its history. Mr. Attwood tells of a Western friend who went to a temple for the first time in 20 years. "I was amazed," said the friend, "to see how many of my acquaintances were in the congregation."

Mr. Attwood finds that "After more than 100 generations, Judaism is still a vital faith whose precepts are well adapted to contemporary life. It is a common sense, ethical, wordly religion that stresses the good life as its own reward and does not speculate too much about the hereafter. In Judaism, any act of ethical import is as valid as a ritual observance. Compassion for one's fellow men, personal devotion to [one-]God and emphasis on the home as the centre of religious life — these are basic to Judaism."

Finally, will Jews ever be completely integrated in America? "It depends," says Mr. Attwood, "on what you mean by integrated... will they eventually have the same social and economic status as other Americans? — the answer is 'yes.'" He believes that in another generation a report such as his would have no purpose.

But — will Jews lose their identity as Jews? — No. "Many individual Jews who saw a conflict between their Jewishness and Americanism — and decided to be only Americans — have often found they were not being honest with themselves or society. That's why more and more are re-embracing Judaism, reasserting their identity as Jews."

"From what Jews around the country told me, I am inclined to agree that religion (plus the culture and sense of history it implies) is becoming the binding element that will keep the American Jewish community from disintegrating... Already, their integration in American life is more complete than in many countries with older Jewish communities. A French Jew may say, 'I live in France.' An Italian Jew may tell you, 'Our family has been in Rome a long time.' But an American Jew will say, "America is my home.'"

DEVELOPING ISRAEL'S TOURIST INDUSTRY (II)

Personnel is Chief Hotel Problem

By GERDA LUFT

TALKING to hotel managers today means listening to a long list of complaints, most of them concerning the Government, some the municipalities. During the last couple of years a number of first-class hotels have been opened here and a number of second-class hotels have introduced improvements. This is in line with developments all over the world. There are more travellers everywhere and their demands are on the increase. The rich want every comfort one can think of, and the modest traveller also demands more than he did ten years ago.

There are 1,925 rooms in our first-class hotels and 1,052 in the second-class. In order to pay its way a hotel has to fill at least 60 per cent of its rooms the year round. There are a few which boast of a higher occupancy rate. Since the tourist season is relatively short many of the hotels must try to fill their rooms with Israelis for part of the year. Many of the Israelis are unable to pay the prices of the first-class hotels so these offer reduced off-season rates. Sometimes these reductions amount to 30 per cent. But this is only a makeshift device. The goal must be to prolong the tourist season and to attract a stream of visitors for as much of the year as possible by propaganda and by scheduling special events—congresses, festivals, etc.

Managers' Complaints

The main complaints of hotel managers concern shortage of credit, a very high payroll and insufficient assistance from the authorities.

Complaints about the shortage of credit both for working capital and for re-equipment can be heard today in every industrial enterprise. In the hotel industry complaints come both from new enterprises and from long-established firms. The former fight for quick amortisation of investments; the latter for funds for repairs and re-equipment. Secondary equipment such as bed-linen, crockery, etc., has to be renewed every three years; other items every ten years. The need for re-equipment is often greater in Israel than elsewhere because workmanship and materials are not first-rate, and because buildings and equipment near the sea suffer heavily from rust and dampness.

It can be argued, of course, that hotels, like every other industry, should be able to re-equip out of profits. In exceptional cases where excellent management and natural advantages make for very high occupancy — up to 80-85 per cent — this aim is reached. But the shortage of credit and the very high interest paid are a real burden, made even heavier by the very high payroll.

High Payroll

In some hotels salaries and wages account for 45 per cent of all costs. This percentage is tremendous in comparison to other countries. In the U.S., where pay is highest, it reaches 40 per cent, in Italy, which has low wages, it is not higher than 15 per cent. It is obvious that our example cannot be taken from the U.S. as it is not compatible with either our standard of living or our output. Moreover the traveller who comes to Israel does not want to pay American prices; he takes his standard from Europe.

The reasons for the huge payroll are relatively high wages, low management and staff efficiency and the refusal of the staff to adjust working hours to business needs. Much hotel work cannot be handled in continuous eight-hour shifts. The concentration of guests on week-ends makes it necessary that a worker take his day off during the week. Pay is higher on Saturday, which adds to the financial burden.

In industry and agriculture higher pay serves as an incentive to mechanization. In the hotel business this is possible only on a relatively small scale because personal service plays a major role. Everything must therefore be done to increase efficiency, both by streamlining managerial operations and by training a staff which will give the smoothest service possible in the shortest time.

The Ministry of Labour, together with the Hotel Association and the Histadrut run training-courses for hotel-staff. These courses are regarded favourably by managers, as they give a certain grounding and polish and are something of a substitute for the several years training which is usual in Europe. Despite the achievements of the hotel school founded by Hadassah and of these training courses the need for really skilled staff is most keenly felt, especially in places which have been opened recently.

Last year the hotel business asked for loans totalling IL1m. out of the development budget. At long last the Treasury granted IL400,000. In addition, the hotels complain even more bitterly than other industries about the difficulties in getting import-licences.

Hotels' Expectations

But everywhere in the hotel business there is hope that work will become easier for them with the formation of the Government Tourist Corporation, which hopes to avoid red tape by being allowed more freedom than ordinary departments in making decisions, and to benefit at the same time from its standing as a government agency. All the departments which have to do with tourism are represented on the board — the Foreign Ministry, the Ministries of Development, Labour, Transport, Finance, Industry and Commerce, the Interior, Religions, and Education. In addition there are representatives of the Hotel Association, of El-Al, Shoham and of the travel agents.

The hotel business pins high hopes on the new corporation. It expects mainly two things; higher credits from the development budget — the corporation wants to get IL750,000 in 10-year mortgages — and quicker processing of applications in government departments. It has just received an allocation of IL500,000 in the Supplementary Budget.

The corporation, however, is not ready to serve simply as the mouthpiece of hotel interests. Its officials point out that the first thing to be done is to conduct an enquiry into the working methods and profitability of the hotels and that a former attempt to carry through a research project of this sort did not meet with the ready cooperation of the hotel business. Such an enquiry is now to be started and it should yield much needed material on working methods and calculations which can serve as a basis for improvements and streamlining.

This is the second of three articles on tourism. The first appeared on December 2.

Yesterday's Press

Highlight the Embargo

"HABOKER" (General Zionist) acclaims Ambassador Eban's forthright statement before the U.N. Assembly, pointing out that Egypt's stubborn anti-Israel stand endangers the peace of the entire region. The paper states that this should have been stressed a long time ago, and now, with the Montreux Convention ending next year, the right of passage through international waterways will be a subject for renewed negotiations between the Powers. Our Foreign Ministry should immediately launch a campaign emphasizing the Egyptian war and embargo against Israel and its danger to the Middle East.

"Herut" again attacks the Government's foreign policy saying that it is already a year that four of our soldiers have been languishing in a Damascus dungeon and we have done nothing to liberate them. A number of opportunities to take hostages have been missed because our "humane" Foreign Ministry has hoped to appeal to the Syrians' moral sentiments.

The same paper mocks the Foreign Ministry's "warning" to Lebanon, saying that it reads like a lecture. The friendship of the Lebanese Maronites could have been ours, but we have lost this opportunity through neglect and have turned them against us. The paper calls for a renewal of the ancient Israel-Tyre alliance.

U.S. Labour's Decision

"Davar" (Histadrut) draws attention to the resolution adopted by the American Labour Conference calling upon the U.S. to supply Israel with arms, and says that this friendship results from long-term familiarity with our cause.

"Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda) says that the wage increases demanded by the workers will not remain in their pockets but will go to defence needs. What the country needs is a thorough housecleaning and a narrowing of the gap between the productive elements (who make up one third of the population) and the non-productive (who constitute two thirds), so that the whole nation can be placed on an emergency footing.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) thinks that the demands to keep prices as they are may be wholly justified, but the request to reduce them by five per cent is simply out of the question.

KEEPING POSTED

THE idea of taking sacks of toys to kindergartens in border villages where there is no money for fripperies has an obvious appeal. The reality is more than a little embarrassing. The Yemenites at Messilat Zion, on a cold bare hill-side near Jerusalem, are not newcomers. Probably all the children now in the kindergarten have been born in the village. As we took in the sack they came tumbling out, small and thin, many with bare legs blue with the cold and

wretched shoes. Perhaps one should have brought rubber boots instead? As a doll came out of the sack one child snatched it up and rushed into a corner, pursued by the rest of the gang. The teacher said appeasingly "the doll is for everybody and everybody shall have it." A little girl from India with a dark oval face and a brilliant smile was too well-mannered to snatch at the gifts but took our hand and murmured courteously "It is a *simha* (festive occasion), come and dance with us."

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THE next place was less bare and wind-swept, but there was deep, fluid, all-pervading mud. Some of the children were just coming out of the school and we asked where the kindergarten was. Whom were we looking for? We had brought some toys for the children. Only for those in the kindergarten? asked a little boy who later said he was ten, but didn't look it. We said hurriedly that there were also some new books for the school-children's club, and a football. What sort of books? Lesson books? No, story books, with pictures, about all sorts of things. We went on tramping through the mud with us "to help with the toys when you get to the kindergarten," and we asked him what kind of books he liked to read. Well, there was a wonderful story he had read once, about four children who got together and had all sorts of adventures "It had a funny name I can't remember." "Was it Hassamba?" He shouted "Hassamba, YES!! How did you know?" It was not difficult, Hassamba is about the best known Hebrew children's book now, and there are already 28 volumes in the series. Probably the author's only trouble is that soon his characters will grow up and get out of hand. We told the boy that there were several Hassambas in the parcel. He suddenly looked extremely busy and said he must tell his friend about it. We'd be able to manage with the toys, wouldn't we? We said we would, and he plodded off through the mud in another direction.

IN the third place the police truck got stuck in the mud. The driver went off to look for help and we sat on a rock to enjoy the sun that had just come out. Presently an enormous woman came from the nearest cottage in a pair of slippers and invited us to come in for a glass of tea. We hesitated at the door at the thought of carrying so much mud into the house, but one look at the floor showed that it was an inch deep in mud anyway. "*Tfaddalu*," she said, and with a wide gesture invited us to sit on any of the five beds we liked. She tried half-heartedly to straighten out the odds and ends of blanket and carpet on one of the beds and went to put the kettle on. "You've got four children?" we hazarded. "Blessed be the Lord, five," she said.

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HER Hebrew was not much better than our Arabic and conversation was halting. They had come from Iraq five years ago. Two years in some other place, three here in Zachariya. Her husband was "ill" and couldn't work. (He came in later on two crutches, dropped them on seeing a visitor, scolded his wife, and nimbly began tidying up the room. He also helped out with the conversation.) We had brought toys for the kindergarten? The toys were sent by a newspaper and brought by the Police? Her husband went over it again with her and though she still looked incredulous, she turned to say thank you. That was fine. It was cold in the school and at home she sometimes lit the charcoal brazier, but her youngest girl went off quite cheerfully every morning and they had taught her to sing, a little thing of four. The tea boiled in its kettle and was poured into the glass as black as strong coffee. She went into the second room to get biscuits, some strangely poisonous green sweets and a big tin of sugar. There were some little sacks of beans and other oddments, and tins of tomato paste and jam. The family's spare clothes hung over a cord stretched across the room.

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A symposium on
"Chemical Problems in Atomic Research,"
dedicated to the memory of
Professor L. Farkas,
will be held at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 1955, at the above address.

Reader's Letters

MEMORIAL LECTURE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Referring to today's *Jerusalem Post*, I would point out for the record that Sir Charles Webster was invited to Israel by Yad Chaim Weizmann, and not the Weizmann Institute.

Yours, etc.,
JULIAN L. MELTZER
for Yad Chaim Weizmann
Rehovot, December 7.

PEN FRIENDS

THE NATIONS' LEAGUE OF PEN FRIENDS, whose President is Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the Vice-President of India, is interested in promoting pen-friendship. Its address is 1, Round Building, Kalbadevi, Number 3.

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